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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Katzenbach Contingency Paper

1. The group you assembled to work on Under Secretary Katzenbach's request has discussed the size and shape of the task at some length. On the basis of this exchange, I suggest that we aim for a finished product by the end of next week. This will allow time for a quick check with the field on some of the new factors affecting South Vietnamese attitudes toward negotiations, for a pooling of information and ideas, for drafting the various sections, for adequate coordination and summing up, and for assembling the final package.

25X1 2. OCI [] has been asked to draft the first section, which will discuss South Vietnamese attitudes in general terms. Moving from general to more specific aspects, the section will focus on new factors in the political situation, such as the influence of the assembly and civilian elements in the government.

25X1 3. ONE (Hyland, []) will draft a second section which will attempt to estimate GVN reactions to several contingencies. These will include the three mentioned in Katzenbach's letter plus one or two additional possibilities.

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5. These action proposals will be reviewed by the other members, who will join in some final comments on the degree of success such actions are likely to have.

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7. I have asked that the first drafts be ready for review by COB Tuesday.

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